#### Eph 2:8

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

#### 1 Cor 1:18

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

#### Acts 15:11

But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they

NEW MEMBERS

#### Justified (initial):

An act of God achieved through the death of His Son, in which he...

- Regards our sin as <u>forgiven</u> and
- Christ's righteousness as belonging to us,
- Declares us to be righteous in his sight

...when we believe in Him



#### Sanctified (progressive):

A progressive work of God & man making us more free from sin & more like Christ.

#### Glorified (final):

The final step in God's redemption...
when Christ returns and gives all
believers their perfect resurrection
bodies like his own, and we enjoy
rewards and eternal life in the presence
of a loving God.

## Justified (receiving God)

## Sanctified (walking with God)

#### Glorified

(in heaven with God)



Initial	<u>Progressive</u>	Einal
All God	God & Me	All God
Declared righteous	Growing in righteousness	Perfectly righteous
Penalty of sin	Power of sin	Presence of sin
		NEW MEMBERS

Initial	<u>Progressive</u>	<u>Final</u>
Event	Process	Event (forever)
Complete & perfect	Incomplete & perfecting	Complete & perfect
Current position	Current condition	Future position
Equality	Varying	Both

# Why do we baptise believers and not babies?



#### Hebrews 6:1-2

Therefore let us go on toward perfection, leaving behind the basic teaching about Christ, and not laying again the foundation: Repentance from dead works and faith toward God, instruction about baptisms, laying on of hands, resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.

# What happens when we over-emphasise any of these stages?



Justified (licentious)

Sanctified
(legalistic)

Glorified
(loony)



# How do we approach biblical maturing in God?



## Sanctified Justified Glorified

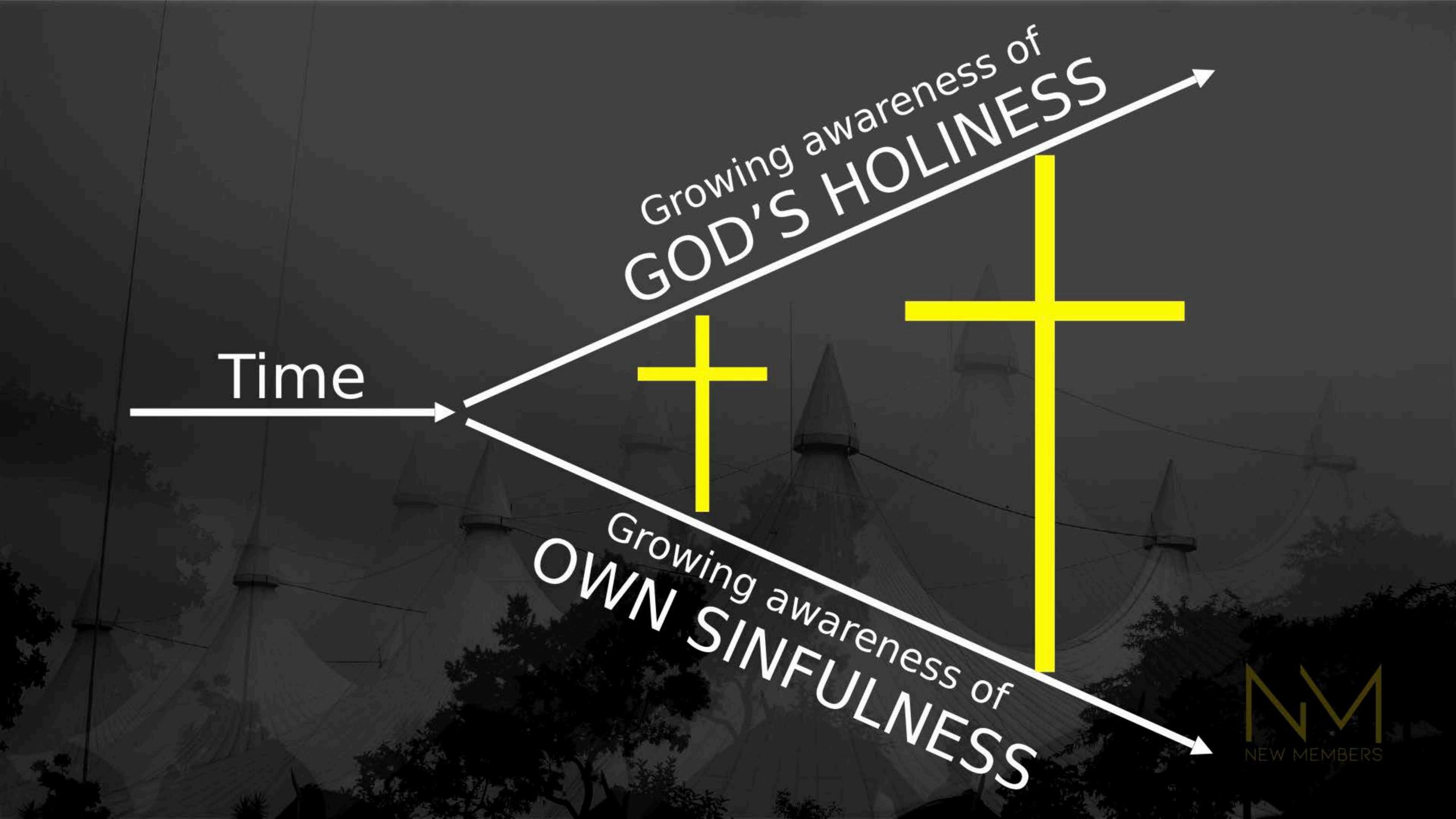
#### 1 John 3:1-3

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

## Glorified Sanctified <u>Justified</u>

## Why is the Gospel of Grace so important?











# Why is an eternal perspective so important?

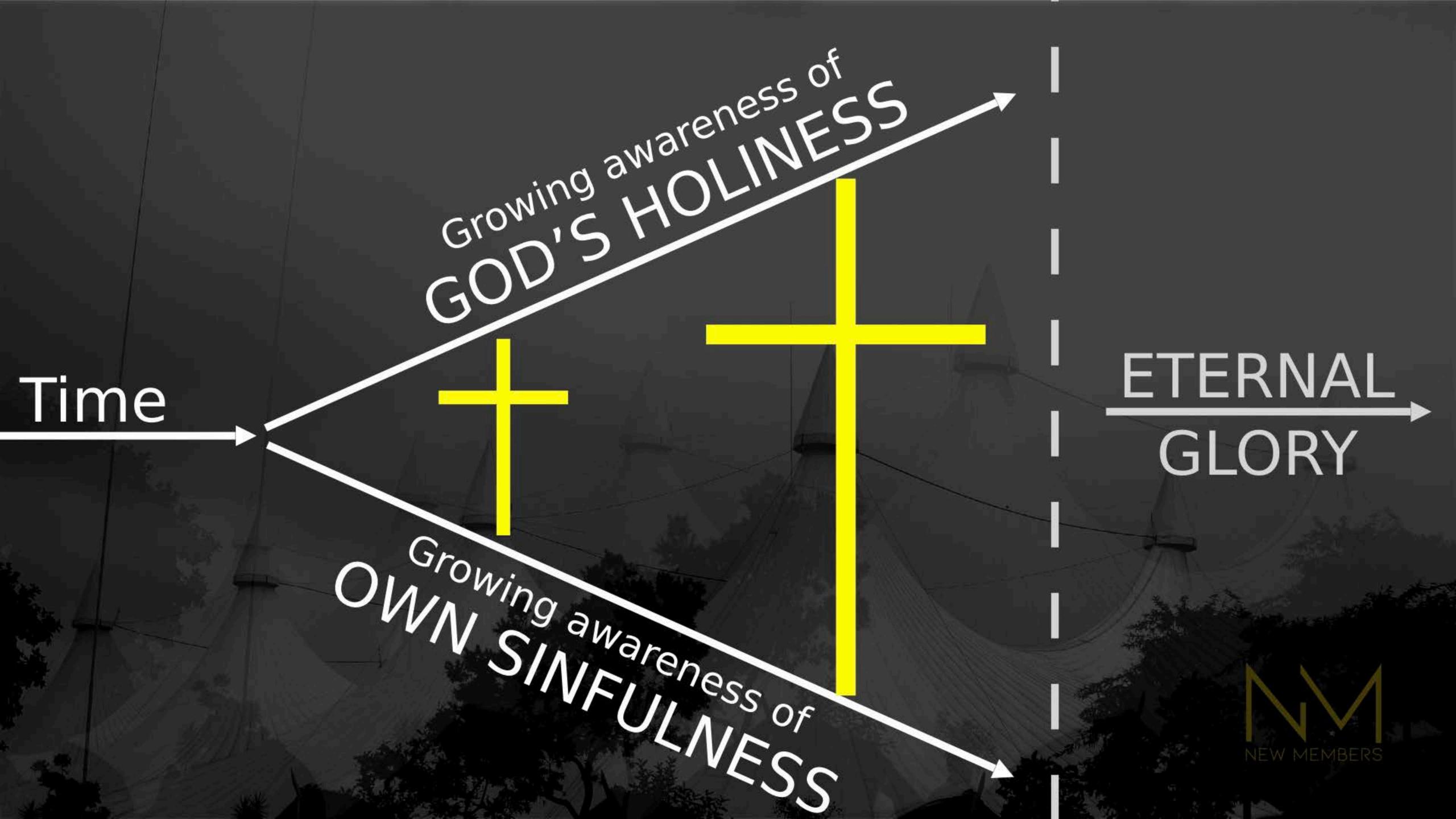




#### 1 Corinthians 3:11-15:

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work.

If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved, even though only as one escaping through the flames.



## Can you lose your salvation?



<u>Initial</u>	<u>Progressive</u>	<u>Final</u>
Redemption	Christ- likeness	Citizenship
New birth	Fullness of life	Resurrected body
Adoption	Fruitfulness	Rewards

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# How do I not miss out on what God still wants to give me?



#### Ephesians 2:8-10

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

#### Dead or Good work?

- Reading the Bible
- Praying
- Attending church
- Giving tithes/offering
- Witnessing



#### DEAD WORKS

#### GOOD WORKS

in your effort	Faith	in Him
poor conscience	Motivation	love
self	Commission	God
full diary: fruitless	Result	faith journey: fruitful

#### Who are you living for?

What are you living for?

